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In re Application Uday T. Turaga and Jason J. Gislason
of:

Serial No.: 10/735,562

Group Art Unit: 1754

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Examiner: Cam N. Nguyen

For: DESULFURIZATION AND NOVEL COMPOSITIONS FOR SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Election, Applicants hereby elect
Group III, claims 67-76, drawn to a process for removal of sulfur from a hydrocarbon
stream, classified in Class 208, Subclass 208R+, but respectfully request
reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction for the reasons given below.

Non-elected Group I, claims 1-22, drawn to a composition, classified in Class 502, Subclass 300+, and non-elected Group II, claims 23-66, drawn to a method of making a composition, classified in Class 502, subclass 104+, are retained in this case pending reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction.

The Requirement for Restriction is respectfully traversed. The Requirement for Restriction is based, at least in part, on grounds that the invention(s), as set forth in the Office Action, are distinct and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by the cited classifications, and that the fields of search are not the same. All art classes referred to in the Office Action properly would be searched even if the Group I and II claims did not exist.

Claims 1-22 claim a composition that is used in the Group III claims and Claims 23-66 claim a method of making the composition that is used in the Group III claims.

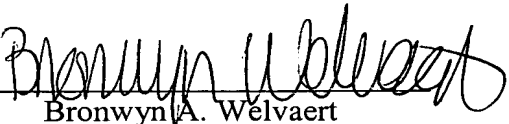
The claims of Group I, drawn to a composition, Group II, drawn to a method of making a composition, and Group III, drawn to a process for removal of sulfur from a hydrocarbon stream using a composition, are sufficiently closely related in this application to be allowable in a single application. All groups of claims clearly relate to the removal of sulfur from a hydrocarbon stream. Furthermore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine MPEP 803, second paragraph, which encourages combinations, such as the combination of the Group I, II, and III claims in this application.

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The claims are so closely related in substance as to render reasonable
the withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction.

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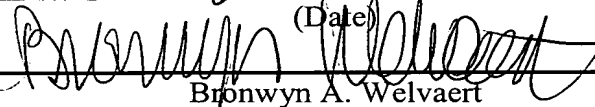
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